

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 21, 2007. Claims 5 to 9 are now pending in the application, with Claims 1 to 4 having been canceled. Claims 5, 8 and 9 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Figs. 2, 45 and 71 have been amended to correct typographical errors and for consistency with the description provided in the specification. Replacement Sheets for Figs. 2, 45 and 71 are being submitted concurrently herewith and approval of the Replacement Sheets is respectfully requested.

The specification has also been amended to correct typographical errors and for consistency with the drawings. No new matter has been added.

The abstract was objected to for an informality that has been attended to by amendment as recited above. Withdrawal of the objection to the abstract is respectfully requested.

Claim 4 was objected to for an informality. Without conceding the correctness of the objection, it is nonetheless believed to be obviated by the cancellation of Claim 4.

Claims 1 to 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Without conceding the correctness of the rejection, it is nonetheless believed to be obviated by the cancellation of Claims 1 to 4. Nonetheless, newly-added Claims 5 to 9 are believed to fully comply with the statutory requirements of patentable subject matter.

While no art based rejections were entered, newly-added independent Claims 5, 8 and 9 are nonetheless believed to be allowable over the art of record for at least the following reasons.

The invention relates to portable communication terminals browsing images stored on a server and requesting printing of the images. According to the invention, when the communication terminal accesses the server, the server issues a unique session ID to the terminal, and stores the session ID in conjunction with personal information of the user. Then, when the user wants to print images stored in the server, a printing request is submitted from the terminal to the server, along with the session ID. The server determines whether the session ID and the personal information of the user are stored in the server, and if so, requests confirmation of the personal information from the user. If not, then the server obtains the personal information of the user and stores the information. Then, after confirmation is received, or after the personal information is obtained and stored, a process is preformed by the server to print images designated in the printing request.

The art of record is not seen to teach the features of Claims 5, 8 and 9, and specifically, is not seen to teach at least the features of a receiving step of receiving, from a communication terminal, a printing request, together with a unique session ID issued by an information processing apparatus that stores images, to print images stored by the information processing apparatus, determining whether or not the session ID received with the printing request is stored in a storage unit of the information processing apparatus, in a case where it is determined that the session ID is stored in the storage unit, and it is determined that the session ID is stored with personal information of the user, transmitting

the personal information to the communication terminal in order to request confirmation of the personal information by the user, and in a case where it is determined that the session ID is not stored in the storage unit, obtaining the personal information of the user of the communication terminal which has sent the printing request, in order to store the personal information with the session ID in the storage unit, and performing a process to print the stored images designated in the printing request after the user confirms the personal information transmitted by the transmitting step, or after storing the personal information in the storage unit obtained by the obtaining step.

Hosoda, which is commonly-owned with the present application and which qualifies as prior art to the subject application only under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), teaches that a user can designate images stored in a camera to be printed, and the images can be classified according to image information stored in the camera, or based on a paper tray of a printer in which the images are printed. Hosoda is not seen to teach the above-features of the invention, however.

Sommerer is merely seen to teach a method for navigating a series of previously visited web pages. However, Sommerer is not seen to teach the above-features of the invention.

Morris is merely seen to teach a way for various devices to access a photo-service website and to view images stored by the photo service. Depending on the type of device wanting to view the images, various style-sheets are applied. However, Morris is not seen to teach the above-features of the invention.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all of Claims 5 to 9 are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

As a formal matter, Applicants thanks Examiner for acknowledging Applicants' claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 in the detailed action portion of the Office Action. Applicants request, however, that the Examiner provide an indication in the Office Action Summary acknowledging that all of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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